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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Is it not a fact Sir, that these five students were admitted by an order of the Basic Education Officer and after they had been in the class for about a week, the Headmaster had to send them out because of the order of the same Basic Education Officer? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Selection Committee selected these candidates under the mistaken impression that they had obtained sufficient number of marks in the S.S.L.C. Examination. But after scrutiny it was found that there was a mistake and the mistake was found within the short time of one week and the mistake was rectified."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" At least could they not have been admitted in the Junior basic class? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not think any such request was made. The question was whether they were fit for the senior basic course."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Will the Hon. the Minister see to it that such things do not recur in future as they cause annoyance to the parents? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Not only in this school but in some other schools such a mistake has arisen. I have issued strict instructions to all concerned that such things should not recur in future."

Grant of loan by the Union Government for Rural and Urban Electrification Schemes in this State.

* 202 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the amount of loan given by the Union Government for (1) rural and (2) urban electrification schemes in this State;

(b) the conditions governing the grant of the loan;

(c) the details of the electrification schemes sanctioned for execution out of the loan; and

(d) the programme of dates for the execution of those schemes?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) to (d) Attention is invited to the paper [a] placed on the table of the House."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Sir, with reference to the last paragraph of the statement placed on the table of the House, may I presume that the Government will take all possible steps to push up the pending rural electrification schemes and see that the full amount allotted by the Central Government is utilized? "

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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Yes, Sir. Most certainly."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Sir, may I know whether the capacity of our generating stations would be adequate to meet the large requirement of the number of rural electrification schemes for which we have budgeted? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" At present it may not be. But after the coming into force of the Periyar Hydro Electric Scheme and possibly the Kundha Scheme, it will be sufficient."

3-10 p.m. SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Sir, may I know what steps the Government have taken to push up the work connected with the Periyar Hydro Electric Scheme, and may I have an indication as to when the work on that scheme would be taken up? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, the inauguration of the scheme has taken place only very recently. Our Chief Minister has inaugurated it. The scheme is expected to take about three and a half to four years."

Number of liquor permit-holders.

* 203 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to lay on the table of the House a comparative statement showing district-war the number of liquor permit-holders as on 2nd October 1953 and 2nd October 1954?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" A statement [a] furnishing the information is placed on the table of the House."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Sir, have the Government investigated why there is such a large number of permit-holders in some of the districts when compared with other districts? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" I do not think it is necessary for the Government to investigate it."

SRI A. M. ALLAPICHAI :—" Sir, is it not the policy of the Government to reduce the number of permits and is it not also their policy to completely discourage and see that in course of time no permit is issued? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" That is what the Government are trying to do."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Sir, do not the Government hope to wipe off the permit-holders by the gradual reduction in the quantity allowed to them, and is not that the policy of the Government? "

[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 207 infra.